

Senate Resolution 669

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Dr. Sherry Gaither; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Sherry Gaither serves in ministry with her husband, Senior Pastor
3 Benjamin Gaither, at Stronghold Christian Church, located in Lithonia, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, together, the Gaithers provide dynamic vision and leadership to the Stronghold
5 Christian Church family as they proclaim and establish the Kingdom of God on the earth;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, known as "Dr. G.," Dr. Gaither is a multi-gifted pastor, lecturer, educator,
8 motivational speaker, and author imbued with a spirit of excellence; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Gaither earned a bachelor's degree in communication, a master's degree in
10 Christian education, and a doctoral degree in ministry, which earned her the distinction as
11 the first African American woman to graduate with a doctorate from Luther Rice Seminary;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, as the first woman to be licensed and ordained at New Birth Missionary Baptist
14 Church, Dr. Gaither's passion and love for people spark a desire to see them saved, healed,
15 and delivered; and

16 WHEREAS, before answering the call to full-time ministry, Dr. Gaither held several
17 positions in marketing and management, traveling extensively across the country; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Gaither has served on the staff of Beulah Heights University as a professor
19 in leadership since 1991, and is the founder of Empowerment Network International, a
20 multi-media organization that influences both the religious and the corporate worlds with
21 biblical leadership principles; and

22 WHEREAS, her practical, solid strategies have helped thousands transform their lives and
23 in 2007, Dr. Gaither launched a thought-provoking reality talk show, *Empowering Your Life*;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Gaither's recent publication, *Promoting Leaders - Who Know How To*
26 *Serve*, was based on her desire to challenge the current methods used to identify potential
27 leaders and calls for rewarding leaders based on their ability to serve; and

28 WHEREAS, her outstanding work has been recognized with her nomination into the
29 Leadership DeKalb program, recognition as a Dynamic Woman in Ministry from the Gospel
30 Heritage Foundation, a 2008 Women's Leadership and Empowerment Award, and she has
31 been honored by the Sisters in the Spirit Tour.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
33 commend Reverend Dr. Sherry Gaither for her dedicated and selfless service to her
34 community and the State of Georgia.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Sherry Gaither.